

The National *Falcon* News



Mike and Ginny Gillum
Richland, Washington



1963 Falcon Futura Convertible

March 2003

Cover — Mike and Ginny Gillum

Mike and Ginny Gillum of Richland, Washington are the second owners of this 1963 Futura convertible. They bought the car from the original owner in 1996 with 45,000 original miles. Due to the dry climate in their area, the body fared well, but the upholstery and carpet needed replacement in 1997. The car has been entered in several shows since then. The cover photo was made at Crater Lake, Oregon.

The Falcon has a 170 cu. in. 6 cylinder engine with automatic transmission. The Gillums use it as a daily driver, "with the top down continuously from May to October" Ginny writes. We get more 'rave' remarks on this car than our recently restored 1965 Mustang. The best ones are from younger folks who say 'Nice car! What is it?'

See more photos of this nice Falcon on page 5.

Do you have a photo of your Falcon
for the cover of

The Falcon National News?

Send photos with a self addressed stamped envelope if you want them returned. Include a few paragraphs about yourself and your Falcon and send to the Editor at the address on this page. Digital files: send hi res JPEGs that will convert to 300 dpi at 4x6 inches. Please send large digital files on CD.

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4th Sun - monthly
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2nd Sat. - Odd Months
(707) 452-8979

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3rd Sun - bimonthly
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Indiana
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Indianapolis
(317) 786-1638

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3rd Sun - monthly
(903) 572-9593

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Eureka, CA
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2nd Sat - monthly
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NEW CHAPTER?**
Contact Jan Brown,
Chapter Coordinator.

President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to announce Pam Dinzebach as your newly appointed FCA Treasurer. Pam, her husband, Mark, and their boys are active members of the Gateway Chapter in St. Louis. Please join me in welcoming Pam to her new role. The Board of Directors and I would also like to take the opportunity to recognize Bonnie Stringer for her years of service as our FCA Treasurer.

The image of the FCA is something we are all proud of. Since the beginning, the FCA has represented Family, Friends and Falcons. Everyone I talk with has nothing but good things to say about our club. Each and everyone of you represents the FCA every time you go to a chapter meeting, a local cruise, a car show, a Regional or National Meet, even just driving your Falcon.

It's not just other car folks that say good things about the FCA, but also the restaurants and hotels we visit as a group. The quality of the Newsletters, both national and local and the websites, both national and local, also reflect the quality of the FCA.

It is the way we conduct ourselves when we are wearing shirts, jackets, and hats with FCA or chapter Logos. It is the way we conduct ourselves when we are standing by our chapter banners at a car show or swap meet.

So be proud! You deserve it! You earned it!

The Suncoast Chapter will be hosting a regional in April. This group always puts on a first class event—don't miss it! Use the registration form in this issue to save your spot.

We have less than five months till the 24rd Annual National Meet in Arlington, Texas. Hope you all are making your plans, getting the old Falcon ready, and above all, registering with the Heart of Texas Chapter and the hotel. The registration form is in this issue, fill it out and send it in NOW!

Spring is near, Happy Falconing,

Steve & Carol

PS. - I got a call asking about guidelines for chapter logos and websites. All the FCA asks is that they reflect well on the FCA and the local chapter. And that they reference the FCA as the Club and the Chapter as a chapter. If you have any questions about logos or websites please contact your Regional Director.



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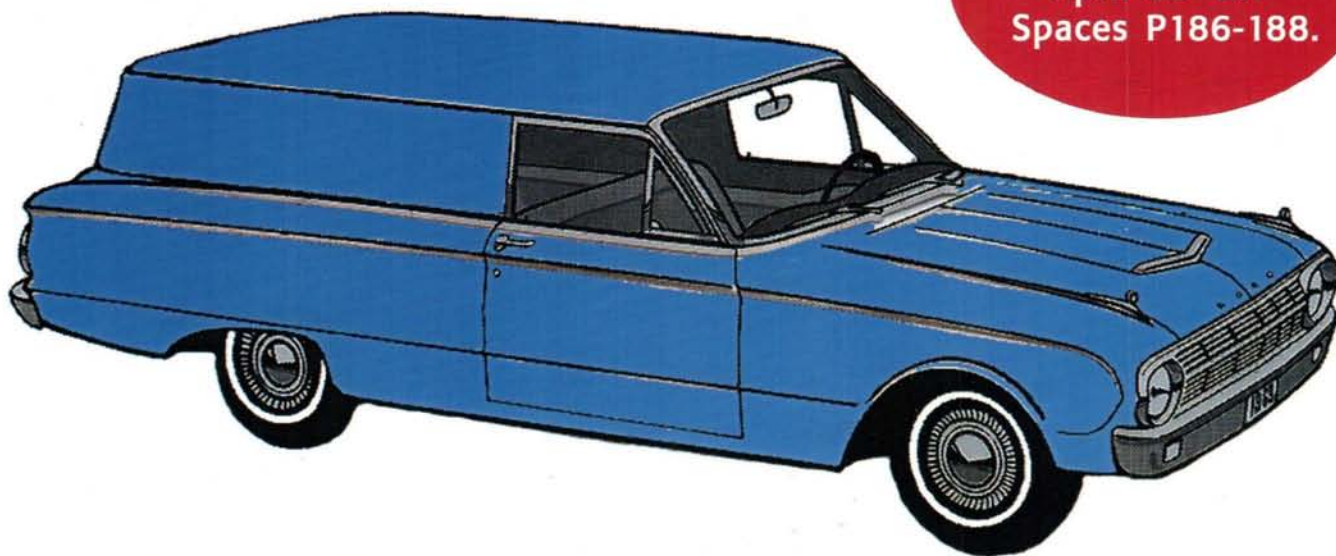


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BEFORE



Mike and Ginny Gillum (see cover) had too many nice photos of this Falcon to pass up. Here are some before and afters and the first car show for the Falcon after the upholstery and carpet were redone.

Alan Crisman



Alan Crisman of Monroeville, Pennsylvania sent this photo of his 1965 Falcon 2 door sedan. The car has a 351 engine T-10 Borg Warner 4 speed. The front suspension is a straight front axle. The car has 35,123 documented miles and is considered quite a showpiece in the Pittsburgh area. The Falcon took its maiden voyage down the quarter mile track in 2001 and ran an 8.79 82½ MPH. Even Alan was impressed!

Classified Advertising

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the Falcon National News is put together about a month before the issue date (ideally...), January's computer problems affected the March and April issues as well as February's. If your ad does not appear here, please re-send it to wcrosby63@earthlink.net. If you want to re-run a previous ad, please let me know—"ad as appeared in January issue". If the ad is new or changed, please indicate that too. This month's ads consist only of renewals I knew about and new ads received by mail and email after Feb. 4. Please resubmit your ad if it does not appear. See Advertising Guidelines in this issue. Thanks!

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1960 Ford Falcon wagon. Complete. \$2695. OBO. Thomas Penn, 909-236-2308 or t.h.penn@att.net. Highland, CA.

2 each 1961 2 dr Wagons (bodies only) \$1000 for the pair. 1961 Sedan Delivery, Mustang II type suspension; tubular control arms. No running gear. \$2500. 1960 4 dr sedan 49,000 \$1500. Other round fender parts. James Massingill, 931-728-2612; cell 273-5080 or falconman@cafes.net. TN.

1963 Falcon Convertible. Complete restoration. Bright red w/ white interior. All original 6 cylinder 4 speed car. Excellent condition. Car show winner. \$10,000. Brian, 253-845-

4690 or cell 253-318-0117, or classfalcon@aol.com. Seattle area.

1963½ Sprint convertible. 33,000 actual miles. May be the finest unrestored Sprint convertible left. Beautiful car, all original paperwork included. V8, 4 speed. Everything correct down to original Ford script headlights and Sprint muffler. \$25,000. Rick Dilks, 913-557-2899. Paola, KS.

1963½ Sprint convertible. 260 V8, factory 4 speed. All stock, all original. Red on red. No rust or bondo. \$12,000. Beautiful show car. Jacob, 206-781-5230. Seattle, WA.

1963½ Sprint hardtop. 260 V8, factory 4 speed. All stock, all original. Black on black.

No rust or bondo. \$10,000. Beautiful show car. Jacob, 206-781-5230. Seattle, WA.



1963 Ranchero. 6 cyl, auto. Mostly restored. Over \$7000 in receipts. Bumpers rechromed, stereo, new windshield, paint, interior. \$4800. Rick Dilks, 913-557-2899. KS.

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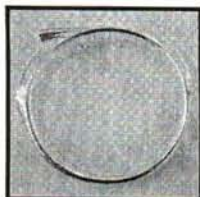
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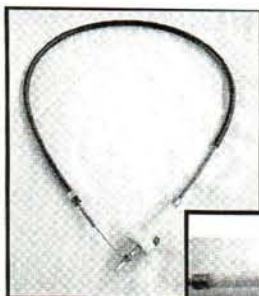
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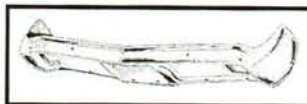
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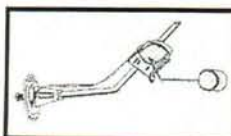
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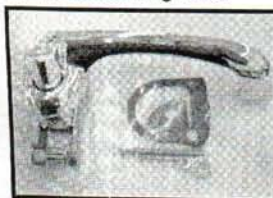
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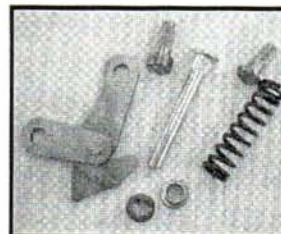
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1960-65 Heater Inlet
Collar



1960-65 Lower Door Panel Trim - S/S or ready to paint



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1964-65 Window
Handles w/ Correct
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1962-63 Trunk Lock

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1960-65 Heater Inlet
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Heater Cores



Bob Reynolds of Colorado Springs, Colorado dates his love for Falcons to 1969 when as a high school senior, he bought a 1960 Falcon, traded it in for a 1964 Sprint, which he reluctantly sold in 1979. He purchased this Falcon in 1997 "after seeing it in a two acre lot full of unusual collectible cars and trucks. Of course, all were in need of restoration."

The owner of the vehicles never had the time to begin a project and he had sold the land, so he had to move and sell all the vehicles. The 1964 Sprint was in bad shape (see BEFORE photo) and had not run since 1982. Many engine parts were sold off or in pieces in the trunk.

Bob couldn't stand to see the bird decaying from neglect, so he bought it for \$600, towed it 60 miles home and "began to breathe new life into it. It took me four years, but it's breathing well with a 289 ci bored and stroked to a 350 ci. A 650 Holley on top of a Wetland intake and Summit headers help the process."

Bob also rebuilt the T-10 4 speed and put traction bars on the rear, along with a PST front end kit on to help steering.

The "After" photo was taken at the United States Air Force Academy, home of the Falcons, in Colorado Springs.



During reconstruction, 1997



Beverly Shores, Train Station

Roger and Linda Bulla of Ogden Dunes, Indiana bought this 1967 Sports Coupe in 1988. It was built in Kansas City in October of 1967 and came from the factory with a 289, power steering, air conditioning and Sports Coupe trim.

The Falcon had not been driven much and was covered with an even coat of dust, but the owner was

willing to sell, a deal was made and Roger drove home to show his wife their "future hot rod."

Roger writes, "After putting two daughters through college and two weddings, the car was ready for the street in 2000. The engine is a 1970 351W. Front power disc brakes and dual exhaust were added, bumpers rechromed and repainted the original color. We enjoy the Great Lakes Chapter and the FCA."

Classified Ads

1963½ Falcon Sprint hardtop. 289, 4 speed. Black on black, Pro Star 5 wheels. Car is in perfect condition. \$14,000. Don Catlett, 248-477-7433.

1964 Falcon Futura Convertible. 302 .020 over, 650 Holley 4v, 4 speed Toploader, Hurst shifter, front discs, elec. cooling fan, Torino rims. Have original eng and loads of parts. \$5500 OBO. Call 317-507-7796 anytime or chuckphillips@hotmail.com for pictures or questions. Indianapolis, IN

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1964 Falcon Sprint. Not running, 302 auto. Power steering, white with red interior, bench seat. This car needs total restoration. \$850. Randy, 515-967-6271 Altoona, IA.

1965 Ford Falcon Futura. V8-289 engine. Hardtop, red, excellent interior. A/C, automatic transmission. All original - Award winner. Runs great! Asking \$8500, Memphis, TN. Pictures available upon request. Ed Hurt, 901-854-8288 or william.hurt@fedex.com

1965 Ranchero Deluxe. c-4 auto 289 V8. California car brought to Ohio in 1999. Never seen snow. Made in Lorain, OH in March 1965. \$9000 OBO. Jim Cramer, 330-394-6552. OH

1965 Falcon Ranchero. Some rust on lower panels. Drive train in good conditon (new brakes). Truck driven occasionally. \$1500. OBO. Contact Prentiss Hardison at 252-235-2558 or prentiss@bnp.com. NC

1965 Falcon 2 door sedan. Less than 35,000 miles on car. Bumpers re-chromed, C-4 auto, 200 6 cyl., new paint. Stored for 23 years. Made in Lorain, OH in May 1965. \$7000 OBO. Jim Cramer, 330-394-6552. OH

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Looking for 1967-70 Falcon Futura station wagon OR 1965 Falcon Futura station wagon or 4 door. Not looking for show car, something that needs work. Michael Murphy, 112 E. Delavan, Buffalo, NY 14208.

WANTED: 1964 or 1965 Falcon sedan delivery. It must be a V-8; standard or automatic OK. It must be in #1 or #2 condition, no rust, bondo buggys or accident damage, please. Top dollar paid for the right car. I will travel for a real nice one. Call Mike Eddy, 310 - 715-1301 evenings or meddy@socal.rr.com. CA.

PARTS WANTED

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NOS 62-63 Right hand parking lamp housing. Have a left to trade or will buy. Darin Wood, 336-766 5747, derwood151@earthlink.net. NC

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1963 Falcon Deluxe 2 door wagon parts. They must be in excellent condition either NOS or used: front bumper, grill, h/l doors, parklamp/signal assemblies, hood chrome, side trim, bucket seats, power tailgate window parts, etc. Keith Litteken 11394 Revere Ln. St. Louis Mo. 63128-1416. 314-351-1789 or kslitteken@aol.com

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INFORMATION WANTED

I'm a member of FCA, and am currently restoring a 1965 2-door Wagon. I am currently in a dilemma on offered color combinations for '65, and whether there were exceptions made when ordering from the brochure offerings at the Ford dealerships in 1965. Is there a technical person or, better yet, a person in the club with past experience in Ford Falcon sales? I know that goes WAY back! that I

could connect with for such a question? I'd really appreciate any help you could give me. Thanks, Norm Huie in CA

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FALCON FAMILY FOTOS

George Houck



George Houck of Fort Mill, South Carolina has seriously customized his 1965 Futura 2 door hardtop Pro Street. It is on a full 2 inch custom mild steel tubular frame, narrowed 9 inch. Further customizing includes C-6 transmission, 4-wheel disc brakes, Pinto front suspension, coilover shocks, 630 hp, 515 cu. in. big block, custom interior, centerline rims, 33x19.50 rear tires. Paint is Ford 1990-91 Electric currant pearl metallic. Graphics are DuPont Chrome Illusion.

This car won 1st Place at the 1999 and 2001 Falcon National Conventions. Over a period of six years, George has won over 100 awards with the Falcon, a few of which are pictured here.

Don Waters

Don Waters of Independence, Missouri bought this 1962 Falcon Futura in 1987. "Almost as soon as I got it home, I rendered it undriveable; my family thought I was crazy." After about three years and countless hours, it rolled out as the "beast it is today." Other than the machine work, Don did all the work on the car himself. Changes include: homemade front and rear glass bumpers, narrowed 9" 3:50 Posi Versailles rear tubbed with 295x15 rears; 2x3 tube frame, and Granada front discs to go with the back discs. Front fenders and hood are also glass. Don writes, "The neatest thing I have enjoyed is whether they're Chevy people or whatever, folks have many fond memories of their parents, brothers, grandparents, aunts or themselves having had a Falcon."



Gary Seitz



Gary Seitz of Venus, Pennsylvania bought this 1962 Futura in 1976 for \$225. He was 16 years old. The first thing he did was a V8 conversion, installing a stock 289 with a Borg Warner T-10 4 speed with factory shifter.

Gary says, "The memories of this car run deep. My wife of 22 years and I drove this car on our first date, took it to three proms and drove it on our honeymoon."

While raising the family, the Falcon waited in the garage for 13 years. With the help of his four sons, a three year restoration project began. "Now we spend weekends going to car shows and cruise-ins. What is really great is to slip in the old 8-track tapes and listen to the songs, just as if we were teenagers again."

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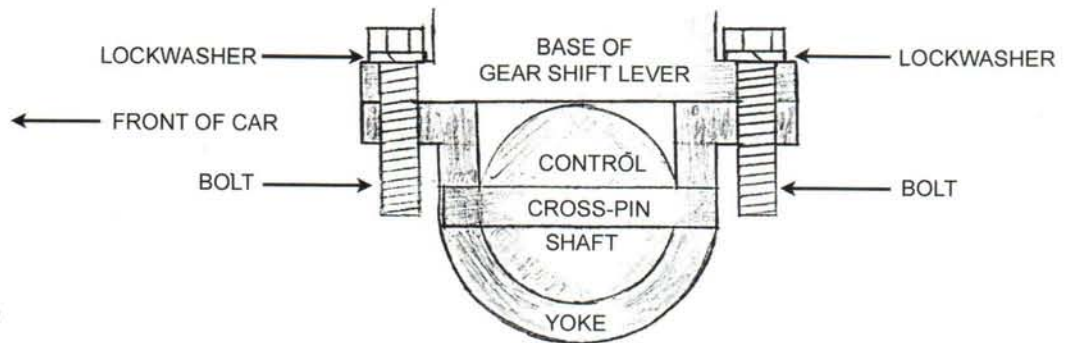

TECH TIPS – Four Speed Shifter Repair (In-Car)

Submitted by Skip Goddard

A major source of looseness in the shifter for the four-speed (Ford design) transmission is the cross-pin that fastens the yoke under the gear shift lever onto the large transverse shaft that passes through the control bracket and holds the reverse lever, 1-2 lever, and 3-4, lever (see illustration). This pin will eventually break, allowing the gear shift lever with its attached yoke to rotate around the control shaft, and causing problems ranging from "sloppiness" to a total inability to change gears. A broken pin can be replaced, without removing the shifter assembly, by the following procedure (refer to shop manual for exploded view of complete assembly, if necessary):

1. Remove the dust boot and the plate under it, if present.
2. Clean off the accumulated grease and dirt.
3. Remove the two bolts and lockwashers that fasten the gear shift lever to its yoke.
4. Remove the gear shift lever, being careful to hold the two spring-loaded detents in place so they are not lost.
5. With a bent wire, push out the remaining piece(s) of the pin from the control shaft, and remove the yoke.
6. A new pin can be made from 9/32" drill rod or the shank of a 9/32" bit; cut it with a cut-off wheel on a small rotary tool. The original pin is 1-13/32" long. Measure yours if possible; this should be the minimum length of the new pin, but if it is too much longer it will be more difficult to start it into its hole in the control shaft due to interference with the control bracket.
7. Installation is easier if the control shaft is in a position where one end of the hole is higher than the other; if the hole is horizontal, disconnect the forward end of the 3-4, shift rod from the transmission and rotate the control shaft enough to start the pin into its hole. A needle-nose locking-type pliers is a big help.
8. Check the fit of the new pin by pushing it through its hole without the yoke; if it is too tight, reduce the diameter by careful grinding until it is a snug (not loose) fit.

9. Position the yoke on the underside of the shaft with the pin started in one side. A wire fastened through the bolt hole on the opposite side will assist in manipulating the yoke and pin until the pin can be pushed through its hole and into the other side of the yoke.



10. Reattach the 3-4 shift rod to the transmission if it was removed.
11. Replace the gear shift lever with its two spring-loaded detents.
12. Replace the two bolts and lockwashers that were removed in Step 3.
13. Liberally grease everything.
14. Replace the dust boot and plate as removed in Step 1.

With the new pin installed, the gears will seem to be much "closer" when shifting, and the gear shift lever travel is greatly reduced. It may be helpful to check the alignment of the reverse, 1-2, and 3-4, levers on the control bracket, as described in the shop manual.

The foregoing procedure is probably applicable to shifters on the Dagenham and Borg-Warner transmissions also.

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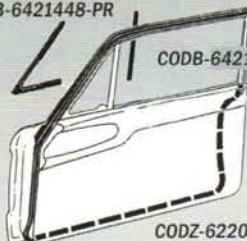
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